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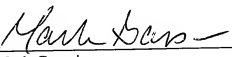
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action mailed September 25, 2006. Claims 1, 7, 11, 13, 15-17, 19-20 and 28 have been amended. Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-9 and 11-49 remain in the application.

On page three of the Office action, claims 7-49 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 10. Claims 7, 17, 19, 20 and 28 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the application has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and the allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-49.

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